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California Postsecondary Education Commission Holds Quarterly Meeting:

Commissioners to Discuss College Affordability, Workforce Needs, Gender and Racial Representation

SACRAMENTO — September 24, 2007 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission meets this week to discuss topics ranging from student debt and affordability; ethnic and gender representation in higher education; and the role of colleges and universities in workforce development.

Assemblyman Anthony J. Portantino, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee will address the Commission on Tuesday, September 25, and David A. Longanecker, Executive Director of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, will speak on Wednesday, September 26.

The three latest reports in a series dealing with higher education accountability will be presented. The reports examine: the number of degrees granted in areas of current and projected workforce demand; racial representation in higher education systems compared to the statewide population; and average debt of college graduates.

The Commission's regular quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25–26, 2007, at 770 L Street, Suite 1160, Sacramento.

A meeting agenda and Commission reports can be viewed on the Commission's website:
<http://www.cpec.ca.gov/Agendas/agnd0709.asp>.

The Commission audio streams its meetings: <http://media.cpec.ca.gov/media>.

Press releases detailing specific topics of discussion can be viewed on the Commission's website:

- **Portantino and Longanecker to Address State Higher Education Board**
http://www.cpec.ca.gov/PressRelease/Press2007_09_21presenters.pdf

- **Student Debt Continues to Increase: Higher Education Board Again Examines College Affordability**
http://www.cpec.ca.gov/PressRelease/Press2007_09_21affordability.pdf
- **Commission Looks to Better Align Postsecondary Education with Workforce Needs**
http://www.cpec.ca.gov/PressRelease/Press2007_09_21workforce.pdf

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